



### THE SPECIAL MAY FIELD TRIP

A special field trip, led by Dr. Eric Reynolds, was taken on Sunday, May 2, 1948, by about 55 members and guests. The route was up the Silverado Trail, past Conn Lake, through Pope Valley to Lombardi's on Putah Creek. It was a lovely sunny day, crisp in the early morning, with snow still visible on Mt. St. Helena. Just outside Napa at the beginning of the Silverado Trail, at the "bridge" stop, many species of birds were seen, including an excellent view of a singing Chat. Further on, two White-tailed Kites were observed. Along the creek, Western Flycatchers were seen carrying nesting material to a chink in the rocky bank above the stream. Here, too, Chipping Sparrows were gathering straw and carrying it to a cypress tree close by. Coots and a Pied-billed Grebe were noted on the lake. The fields of wild flowers were beautiful. Twenty-seven species were recorded.

On the way home, a number of members had the pleasure of visiting the Hardin Ranch in Pope Valley.

Seventy-seven species were noted as follows:

Pied-billed Grebe	California Woodpecker	Bewick's Wren
Great Blue Heron	Downy Woodpecker	California Thrasher
American Egret	Western Flycatcher	Robin
Anthony Green Heron	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Russet-backed Thrush
Mallard	Black Phoebe	Western Bluebird
Wood Duck	Western Wood Pewee	California Shrike
Lesser Scaup	Western Kingbird	Hutton's Vireo
Turkey Vulture	Violet-green Swallow	Cassin's Vireo
White-tailed Kite	Tree Swallow	Warbling Vireo
Cooper's Hawk	Rough-winged Swallow	Lutescent Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Barn Swallow	Yellow Warbler
Red-bellied Hawk	Cliff Swallow	Audubon's Warbler
Sparrow Hawk	California Jay	Black-throated Gray Warbler
California Quail	Crow	To'mie Warbler
Coot	Plain Titmouse	Long-tailed Chat
Killdeer	Bush-Tit	Pileolated Warbler
Mourning Dove	Slender-billed Nuthatch	English Sparrow
Burrowing Owl	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Western Meadowlark
Anna's Hummingbird	Wren-Tit	Red-wing Blackbird
Belted Kingfisher	House Wren	Arizona Hooded Oriole
Red-shafted Flicker		

Bullock's Oriole	California Purple Finch	Brown Towhee
Brewer's Blackbird	House Finch	Lark Sparrow
Cowbird	Green-backed Gold-	Chipping Sparrow
Western Tanager	finch	Golden-crowned
Black-headed Grosbeak	Willow Goldfinch	Sparrow
Lazuli Bunting	Spotted Towhee	Song Sparrow

Helen L. Gilliam, Historian

### May Field Trip

On Sunday, May 16 the trip to St. Mary's College was taken. The forenoon was cloudy but in the afternoon the sun shone brightly. A good number of Black-headed Grosbeaks were seen and heard. Their melodious song seemed to predominate through the wooded areas traveled by the group. Several Western Tanagers put on a fine display as they dashed from tree to tree. The "Horns" on the Horned Larks were the targets for many glasses as they were studied while perched on some haystacks along the roadside.

Kenneth Schulz, Life Scout Troop 10, spotted the Tolmie Warbler, which was the 200th on his individual list.

Nesting activities were observed carried on by a pair of Black Phoebe and a House Wren. The Phoebe was busily feeding their young. The Wren had picked one of the hollow uprights of a railroad wigwag signal as a nesting site. Eight eggs were observed in the nest.

The following 55 species were seen:

Great Blue Heron	Cliff Swallow	Western Meadowlark
Ruddy Duck	Steller's Jay	Red-wing Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	California Jay	Tricolored Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Plain Titmouse	Brewer's Blackbird
Sparrow Hawk	Bush-tit	Cowbird
California Quail	Slender-billed Nuthatch	Western Tanager
Mourning Dove	Wren-tit	Black-headed Grosbeak
Anna's Hummingbird	House Wren	Lazuli Bunting
Allen's Hummingbird	Bewick's Wren	California Purple Finch
Red-shafted Flicker	Robin	House Finch
California Woodpecker	Russet-backed Thrush	Green-backed Goldfinch
Downy Woodpecker	Western Bluebird	Willow Goldfinch
Nuttall's Woodpecker	California Shirke	Spotted Towhee
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Hutton's Vireo	Brown Towhee
Black Phoebe	Cassin's Vireo	Lark Sparrow
Western Flycatcher	Warbling Vireo	Oregon Junco
Horned Lark	Lutescent Warbler	Chipping Sparrow
Violet-green Swallow	Long-tailed Chat	Song Sparrow
	Tolmie Warbler	

Twenty three members and guests were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Killham, Myers. Mesdames: Clear, Richardson, Stowell, Wallace. Misses: Larson, MacIver, Matheson, J. Myer, Papina, Camilla Paroni, Clelia Paroni, Reed, Roscoe, Sterne; Messers: Bennett, Carson, Mayers, Peter-son and Schulz.

Harold H. Peterson, *Leader and Historian.*

### Exchange Publications

Magazines and bulletins from various bird organizations in the United States are being received regularly in exchange for our publication, *The Gull*. Through the kindness of Miss Alice Mulford, Curator of the Oakland Public Museum, 1426 Oak St., Lake Merritt, Oakland, these publications are located in her office. Our members have permission to refer to and also take out any of them during the Museum's office hours, 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Monday to Saturday, and 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. on Sundays and Holidays.

The following are a few of the publications received:

*Academy News Letter* (California Academy of Sciences)

*Audubon Warbler* (Oregon Audubon Society)

*Cleveland Bird Calendar* (Cleveland Museum of Natural History)

*The Condor* (Cooper Ornithological Club of California)

*The Jack-Pine Warbler* (Michigan Audubon Society)

*Maine Audubon Society Bulletin*

*The Bulletin* (Massachusetts Audubon Society)

*Natural History* (The American Museum of Natural History)

*Wilson Bulletin* (Wilson's Ornithological Club of Ann Arbor, Michigan)

The following articles seem to be of special interest to our western groups: In *The Condor* of March-April, 1948: "Spring Arrival of Summer Residents in the Berkeley Area, California by H. G. Weston Jr.; "Further Observations on Variations in Canyon Wrens" by Alden H. Miller. In *Audubon Magazine* of Jan. - Feb., 1948: "The American Continent is Her Backyard" (about Laurel Reynolds, our member); "The American Robin" by L. J. Halle Jr.; "How Old is a Woodpecker?" by A. W. Sanborn.

Clelia A. Paroni, *Librarian*

### May Meeting

The 368th meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific was held Thursday evening, May 13, 1948 in the Assembly Hall of the Public Library, San Francisco, eighty-two members and guests were present.

The following seven new members were welcomed: Mr. Arthur J. Bennett, Berkeley; Mrs. Anna May Ewing, Oakland; Mr. C. M. Goethe, Sacramento; Mrs. Glenn E. Hoover, Oakland; Miss Ann Larson, Mrs. Paul Marhenke, Berkeley; Miss Evelyn Van Scyoc, Dr. George F. Warner, San Francisco.

Mrs. Harold A. Morse, Guest speaker, showed her very beautiful and interesting kodachrome views of flowers taken in various localities, which were greatly enjoyed.

Hazel Walsh, *Recording Secretary*.

## June Meeting

The 369th meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific will be held on Thursday, June 10, at 8 p. m., in the *Oakland Public Museum*, Lake Merritt, 1426 Oak Street, Oakland. According to our custom, the first half hour will be devoted to business of the Association and observations and suggestions from members. A lecture will be given at 8:30. Dr. Frank A. Pitelka, President of the Cooper Club, and widely known and brilliant ornithologist, will speak on *Display Behavior of Hummingbirds*. Dr. Pitelka has spent years collecting a mass of data on this subject and we are most fortunate that he will give us the highlights of his research. There is no one with the slightest interest in birds who has not been fascinated by the various kinds of hummingbirds which occur west of the Rocky Mountains. The more we know about them, the more we can enjoy them. Dr. Pitelka will interpret their behavior for us, instructing as well as entertaining us. Members are urged to bring guests to this outstanding lecture.

The Program Committee asks your indulgence regarding the frequent changes of the hour of meeting and of the place. We may ultimately establish a fixed hour and a regular meeting place, but until we have gone through a period of experimentation we feel that we will have to make these changes according to our discretion. For San Francisco meetings, the hour of 7:30 seems preferable because of the early closing hour of the Library, but for Oakland meetings there is no need to assemble that early.

—Laurel Reynolds, *Program Chairman*

The June trip will be taken to Ross, Marin County, on Sunday, June 13th. Take the Greyhound bus at 7th and Mission Streets, San Francisco, at 8:10 or 8:25 a. m. Give time for buying tickets. Meet at Ross Fire House at 9:15 a. m. The Water Company is making changes around the two lakes, Phoenix and Lagunitas, and may restrict our activities in the future, so come now and enjoy the good birding there. Bring lunch, binoculars and interested friends

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